

# ARKANSAS

## WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



\* *PLANTING ROW CROPS, HARVESTING HAY, AND WORKING CATTLE*

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**RELEASED:** May 17,1999 3:00 p.m.– Temperatures for the week were again below normal with some rainfall over the weekend according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 8 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included planting of row crops, harvesting hay, flushing rice fields, fertilizing corn, wheat and pasture and spraying wheat for armyworms.

**CROPS:** Planting of rice, cotton, soybeans, corn, and sorghum was reported by several counties. Fertilizing and applying herbicides to wheat. Peach and apple trees were being thinned, hay was being harvested, and rice fields were being flushed.

**LIVESTOCK:** Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given vaccinations, treated for worms, and were reported in good condition statewide.

### Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % <sup>1</sup>				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				0	0	34	59	7
Planted	79	82	79					
Emerged	58	70	60					
COTTON				1	3	19	69	8
Planted	74	72	67					
Emerged	30	42	36					
RICE				0	3	25	53	19
Planted	86	86	86					
Emerged	59	68	64					
SOYBEANS								
Planted	21	32	21					
Emerged	7	18	11					
CORN				0	1	35	54	10
Planted	97	99	98					
Emerged	82	91	NA					
WHEAT				0	3	15	51	31
Headed	99	99	98					
OATS				0	1	20	48	31
Headed	84	98	97					
ALFALFA				0	0	28	67	5
OTH. HAY				0	2	29	62	7
PASTURE				0	3	28	61	8

<sup>1</sup>Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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